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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. NETHERCUTT).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 7, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable GEORGE R. NETHERCUTT, JR. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Riley P. Green III, Director of Administration, Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries, Birmingham, Alabama, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, I humbly come before You in this sacred Chamber, acknowledging You as the Sovereign Lord of the United States of America.

I pray for the Members of the House of Representatives, that they would seek You first, that each Member would seek to lead this Nation in Your righteousness.

Lord, be with each Member. Give them wisdom as they make decisions and laws that govern our Nation.

I pray that You would help each Member in these complex times to see Your hand in all events. Help each Member know Your love and feel Your presence in their lives. Help each Member to find rest in Your sovereignty.

O Lord, I pray for the men and women of our Armed Forces. Protect them and their families. I humbly ask this prayer in Jesus' name; and, Lord, thank you for Your continued blessings on America. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BALLENGER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BALLENGER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a concurrent resolution of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 42. Concurrent resolution welcoming the Prime Minister of Singapore, His Excellency Goh Chok Tong, on the occasion of his visit to the United States, expressing gratitude to the Government of Singapore for its strong cooperation with the United States in the campaign against terrorism, and reaffirming the commitment of Congress to the continued expansion of friendship and cooperation between the United States and Singapore.

WELCOMING THE REVEREND RILEY P. GREEN III

(Mr. ADERHOLT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to rise and introduce our guest chaplain for today, the Rev-

erend Riley P. Green III. Riley Green is an ordained minister and a graduate of Beeson Divinity School, as well as Samford University where he received his master's in theological studies. He is currently working on his doctorate in education. He is a member of Hunter Street Baptist Church and serves as the director of administration of the Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries.

The goal of Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries is to protect, nurture, and restore children and families through Christ-centered services. Over 110 years ago, a Southern Baptist preacher affectionately known as Father Stewart wanted to help widows and orphans. His desire became a reality in 1891 with the establishment of the Louise Short Baptist Widows and Orphans Home in Evergreen in southern Alabama. From that one facility has grown to be Alabama's most diverse child and family care agency.

Riley lives in Birmingham with his wife, Yvonne, and their three sons, who are with him here today. Riley's mom is in the Chamber today as well. He is a friend whom I have known for many years and someone I know has a heart for seeking and doing the will of God. I thank him for his inspiring prayer this morning. We appreciate him taking his time to come and lead this Nation in a time of prayer, especially when our troops are at war.

ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, today we commemorate Israel Independence Day. Since its creation in 1948, the State of Israel has faced seemingly insurmountable challenges to its very survival, with conventional military attacks leading the way to suicide

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